

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 – 5 (cancelled).

6 (currently amended). An automatic sound transmitting method of a cellular phone in acknowledgment of a response of the called party when calling up as claimed in claim [[7]] 9, wherein contents of the text data are displayed on a display during the transmission.

7 – 8 (cancelled).

9 (currently amended). An automatic sound transmitting method of a cellular phone in acknowledgment of a response of a called party when calling up ~~as claimed in claim 7~~, further comprising the steps of:

receiving a signal sent from a base station corresponding to a response of the called party to a call setup operation from a key-input section of a cellular phone;

reading out text data stored in a memory;

converting the text data into audio data at a text-to-speech converter;

transmitting the converted audio data to the called party via a radio transmitter/receiver;

automatically terminating the call or disconnecting after the transmission of the audio data is completed,

designating readout of the text data during a prescribed period of time after the cellular phone receives a connection signals from the base station in response to an answer by the called party;

indicating completion of the transmission on the display after the transmission of the converted audio data is finished;

reading out another item of text data stored in the memory and supplying the text data to the text-to-speech converter while retaining the call;

converting the text data into audio data at the text-to-speech converter; and

sending the converted audio data to the radio transmitter/receiver in succession.

10 (currently amended). An automatic sound transmitting method of a cellular phone in acknowledgment of a response of a called party when calling up ~~as claimed in claim 8~~, further comprising the steps of:

receiving a signal sent from a base station corresponding to a response of the called party to a call setup operation from a key-input section of a cellular phone;

reading out text data stored in a memory;

converting the text data into audio data at a text-to-speech converter;

transmitting the converted audio data to the called party via a radio transmitter/receiver;

automatically terminating the call or disconnecting after the transmission of the audio data is completed;

displaying contents of the text data on a display during the transmission;

designating readout of the text data during a prescribed period of time after the cellular phone receives a connection signals from the base station in response to an answer by the called party;

indicating completion of the transmission on the display after the transmission of the converted audio data is finished;

reading out another item of text data stored in the memory and supplying the text data to the text-to-speech converter while retaining the call;

converting the text data into audio data at the text-to-speech converter; and

sending the converted audio data to the radio transmitter/receiver in succession.

11 – 15 (cancelled).

16 (currently amended). A cellular phone as claimed in claim ~~[[17]]~~ 19, further including a means for displaying contents of the text data on a display during the transmission.

17 – 18 (cancelled).

19 (currently amended). A cellular phone ~~as claimed in claim 17, wherein~~ comprising:

a key-input section for inputting a telephone number when making a phone call, a text-entry and settings for respective functions;

a radio transmitter/receiver for communicating with a base station by radio;

memories for storing inputted character data as text data;

a text-to-speech converter for converting the text data into audio data;

a controller which includes: a means for originating a call of a telephone number when the telephone number and a call up setup are inputted from the key-input section, a means for reading out the text data stored in one of the memories on receipt of a signal sent from the base station corresponding to a response of a called party to the call and supplying the text data to the text-to-speech converter in order to convert the text data to audio data, a means for sending the converted audio data to the radio transmitter/receiver, and a means for terminating the call or disconnecting after the transmission of the converted audio data is completed;

a means for designating the readout of the text data during a prescribed period of time after the cellular phone receives a connection signal from the base station in response to an answer by the called party;

either/both of the memories store plural items of text data; and

the controller further includes: a means for indicating completion of transmission on the display every time one of the plural items of text data has been converted into audio data and transmitted, a means for reading out another item of text data stored in one of the memories while retaining the call and supplying the text data to the text-to-speech converter in order to convert the text data to audio data, and a means for continuously sending the converted audio data to the radio transmitter/receiver.

20 (currently amended). A cellular phone as ~~claimed in claim 18, wherein~~ comprising:

a key-input section for inputting a telephone number when making a phone call, a text-entry and settings for respective functions;

a radio transmitter/receiver for communicating with a base station by radio;

memories for storing inputted character data as text data;

a text-to-speech converter for converting the text data into audio data;

a controller which includes: a means for originating a call of a telephone number when the telephone number and a call up setup are inputted from the key-input section, a means for reading out the text data stored in one of the memories on receipt of a signal sent from the base station corresponding to a response of a called party to the call and supplying the text data to the text-to-speech converter in order to convert the text data to audio data, and a means for sending the converted audio data to the radio transmitter/receiver;

a means for terminating the call or disconnecting after the transmission of the converted audio data is completed;

a means for displaying contents of the text data on a display during the transmission;

a means for designating the readout of the text data during a prescribed period of time after the cellular phone receives a connection signal from the base station in response to an answer by the called party;

either/both of the memories store plural items of text data; and

the controller further includes: a means for indicating completion of transmission on the display every time one of the plural items of text data has been converted into audio data and transmitted, a means for reading out another item of text data stored in one of the memories while retaining the call and supplying the text data to the text-to-speech converter in order to convert the text data to audio data, and a means for continuously sending the converted audio data to the radio transmitter/receiver.

21 (original). A cellular phone as claimed in claim 19, further including a means for designating the number and order of the text data to be read out and transmitted to the radio transmitter/receiver in succession.

22 (original). A cellular phone as claimed in claim 20, further including a means for designating the number and order of the text data to be read out and transmitted to the radio transmitter/receiver in succession.

23 (new). An automatic sound transmitting method of a cellular phone in acknowledgment of a response of the other party when calling up, comprising the steps of:

receiving a signal sent from a base station corresponding to a response of the other party to a call setup operation from a key-input section of a cellular phone;

reading out text data stored in a memory;

converting the text data into audio data at a text-to-speech converter in the cellular phone;

transmitting the converted audio data to the other party via a radio transmitter/receiver; and

automatically terminating the call or disconnecting after the transmission of the audio data is completed.

24 (new). An automatic sound transmitting method of a cellular phone in acknowledgment of a response of the other party when calling up as claimed in claim 23, wherein contents of the text data are displayed on a display during the transmission.

25 (new). An automatic sound transmitting method of a cellular phone in acknowledgment of a response of the other party when calling up as claimed in claim 23, wherein the readout of the text data can be designated during the call including the point of time of reception.

26 (new). An automatic sound transmitting method of a cellular phone in acknowledgment of a response of the other party when calling up as claimed in claim 24, wherein the readout of the text data can be designated during the call including the point of time of reception.

27 (new). A cellular phone comprising:

- a key-input section for inputting a telephone number when making a phone call, a text-entry and settings for respective functions;

- a radio transmitter/receiver for communicating with a base station by radio;

- memories for storing inputted character data as text data;

- a text-to-speech converter for converting the text data into audio data in the cellular phone;

and

- a controller which includes: a means for originating a call of a telephone number when the telephone number and a call up setup are inputted from the key-input section, a means for reading out the text data stored in one of the memories on receipt of a signal sent from the base station corresponding to a response of the other party to the call and supplying the text data to the text-to-speech converter in order to convert the text data to audio data, a means for sending the

converted audio data to the radio transmitter/receiver, and a means for terminating the call or disconnecting after the transmission of the converted audio data is completed.

28 (new). A cellular phone as claimed in claim 27, further including a means for displaying contents of the text data on a display during the transmission.

29 (new). A cellular phone as claimed in claim 27, further including a means for designating the readout of the text data during the call including the point of time of reception.

30 (new). A cellular phone as claimed in claim 28, further including a means for designating the readout of the text data during the call including the point of time of reception.